

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled).
2. (Canceled).
3. (Canceled).

4. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a cast-coated paper comprising:  
applying a coating color comprising a pigment and an adhesive on a base paper  
containing an organic compound having the effect of inhibiting interfiber bonding of pulp to  
form a coating layer,

drying the coating layer in ~~the~~ a wet state, ~~then~~

smoothing the dried coating layer,

~~plasticizing it by rewetting~~ the smoothed layer, and

pressing and drying the coating layer against a heated mirror finishing surface to form a  
finished cast coating layer,

wherein the coating color contains not less than 50 parts by weight of a kaolin based on  
100 parts by weight of inorganic pigments, ~~that~~ and wherein the kaolin has a particle size  
distribution such that not less than 65% by volume of the particles are in the range of 0.4-4.2  $\mu\text{m}$   
and ~~that~~ the cast coating layer contains a plastic pigment.

5. (Previously Presented) The process for preparing a cast-coated paper of claim 4  
wherein the coating layer has a sheet gloss of 70% or more as measured according to JIS-P8142  
after drying and before rewetting.

6. (Currently Amended) A cast-coated paper obtained by:

applying a cast coating layer comprising a pigment and an adhesive on a base paper containing an organic compound having the effect of inhibiting interfiber bonding of pulp, and drying the coating layer in a wet state,  
smoothing the dried coating layer,  
rewetting the smoothed layer, and  
pressing and redrying the cast coating layer in a rewetting state against a heated mirror finishing surface to finish it,  
~~characterized in that~~wherein the cast coating layer contains not less than 50 parts by weight of a kaolin based on 100 parts by weight of inorganic pigments, ~~[[that]]~~and wherein the kaolin has a particle size distribution such that not less than 65 % by volume of the particles are in the range of 0.4-4.2  $\mu\text{m}$  and ~~[[that]]~~ the cast coating layer contains a plastic pigment ~~and that the coating layer has a sheet gloss of 70 % or more as measured according to JIS-P8142 after drying and before rewetting.~~

7. (New) The process of claim 4, wherein the plastic pigment is contained in an amount of 5-50 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the inorganic pigments.
8. (New) The process of claim 4, wherein the coating color comprises a solid plastic pigment.
9. (New) The cast-coated paper of claim 6, wherein the smoothed coating layer before rewetting has a sheet gloss of 70% or more as measured according to JIS-P8142.
10. (New) The cast-coated paper of claim 6, wherein the plastic pigment is contained in an amount of 5-50 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the inorganic pigments.
11. (New) The cast-coated paper of claim 6, wherein the coating layer comprises a solid plastic pigment.